*704. [The questioner (SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN) was absent. For answer vide page 29 *infra*]

*705. [The questioner (SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN) was absent. For answer vide page 30 *infra]*

Financial Assistance to Power Projects

*706. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:†

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation propose to provide Rs. 43,500 crore for power projects during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, whether during the Ninth Plan, the Power Finance Corporation disbursed loans worth Rs. 16,525 crore as against the target of Rs. 17,000 crore;

(c) if so, what were the reasons for not disbursing loans as targeted;

(d) whether the Corporation is also considering to extend financial assistance to equipment manufactures in the power sector; and

(e) if so, whether details about the modus of raising requisite resources have been finalized?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Disbursements were 97.2% of the target set for Ninth Plan. The shortfall of 2.8 percent in achieving of the target was primarily due to shortfall in capacity addition during Ninth Plan.

(d) and (e) PFC has introduced a scheme to finance equipment manufacturers in the power sector. The policy and framework for this

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy.

scheme is in place and detailed modalities of execution are being worked out. Initially, it is proposed to allocate a small fund from the existing finance of PFC. Depending upon the response to the scheme a planned allocation by PFC shall be decided.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the number of power projects that were started in the Eighth and Ninth Plans, but not completed. There is a delay. So, what efforts the Government are making to complete these projects, at least, in the Tenth Plan period? Second part of my supplementary is: What is the total target of power generation envisaged in the Tenth Five Year Plan and to what extent power shortage would be there in the Tenth Plan? ...*{Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Milk Supplier to Goa unit of Indian Navy

*704. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goa unit of Indian Navy has rejected tender of ASC supplier for supply of milk and accepted tender of a Solapur based supplier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ASC contractor has been supplying fresh milk procured from Belgaum based cooperative for the last several years and he was issued a certificate for satisfactory service;

(c) whether Solapur based supplier is supplying preserved milk at higher cost which reaches Goa after 3-4 days of its procurement which is dangerous for health; and

(d) the reasons for rejecting tender of ASC contractor and accepting tender of Solapur based supplier situated 500 km. aWay from Goa?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Contract for supply of milk are governed by instructions issued by the Ministry of Defence from time to time. The policy laid